## **Going Blue Cod Fishing?**

Look after the cod and be a responsible fisher

Did you know: "Choosing the right hook makes it easier to release fish. And it increases their chance of survival."



For blue cod

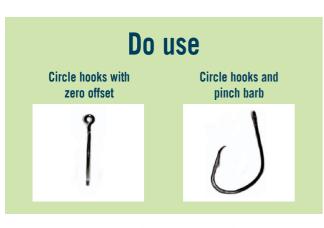


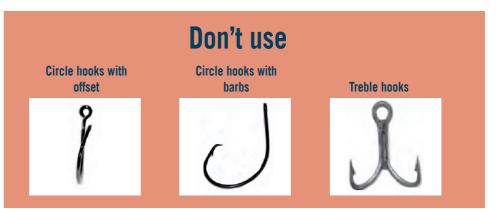
Use only 6/0 or larger circle hooks with no offset



If the fish is gut hooked, cut the line as close to the hook as possible, without pulling on the line.







## General things to consider when choosing a hook:

- Pinch the barb on your hooks using fishing pliers to reduce the size of the entry wound of the hook.
- Only use one hook per rod using multi-hook rigs inevitably means fish are poorly handled and have less chance of surviving when returned.

Circle hooks work by hooking in the front of the mouth. This means fish do not have deep hooking injuries and are easier to unhook.

